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SUBJECT : HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR BAHRAIN DEFENSE

FORCE OFFICER

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE (BDF) REGARDING HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR BDF OFFICER HAMAD IBRAHIM AL-KHALIFA. BDF WOULD LIKE HIM TO ATTEND U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER SCHOOL AT FORT RUCKER, TO BE FOLLOWED BY TRAINING AS AN INSTRUCTOR PILOT AND SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING.

2. LT. AL-KHALIFA ATTENDED DLI, USAF OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL, AND UNDER GRADUATE PILOT TRAINING IN THE U.S. AS MEMBER OF SAUDI AIR FORCE CONTINGENT. TRAINING RESULTS, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND TO BE GOOD, ON FILE WITH USAF.

3. AS BDF UNLIKELY TO ACQUIRE ANH FIXED WING AIRCRAFT IN FORSEEABLE FUTURE, WE SUPPORT THIS REQUEST. TRAINING IN SEARCH AND RESCUE (PRESUMABLY UNDER AUSPICES OF U.S. COAST GUARD) WOULD BE FIRST STEP IN IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING ENVISAGED IN COASTAL SURVEILLANCE SURVEY CONDUCTED NOVEMBER 1972.

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4. BDF WOULD LIKE TRAINING TO BEGIN ASAP TO PREVENT

OFFICER BECOMING STALE. ISE EXPECT FORMAL REQUEST TO BE MADE
THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY NEXT WEEK.
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